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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to proceeding 02-278. My feeling is that the FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen any State's existing telephone privacy laws. In particular, Indiana's Telephone Privacy law. The State of Indiana has enacted it's own telephone privacy law and it works. My feeling is that if it is not broken do not mess with it.

Since Indiana's Telephone Privacy law went into affect, my evenings are much more enjoyable. We do not get the nagging unsolicited phone calls anymore. Supper time is quiet and pleasant. We went from an average of 6 telemarketing phone calls a day to less than 4 a week. Indiana's law is affective and serves the purpose it was intended, but still leaves the door open to non-profit organizations to raise funds using their own volunteers. Any overriding law that waters down what Indiana's law has done is not welcome.

I receive enough junk mail and junk e-mail, so the marketing information still gets to me. I pay for the right to have a phone and it is nice to have it to where only the people you want to call you, call you.

In conclusion, please to not pass proceeding 02-278 unless it has provisions to leave alone any State laws that are more stringent than this one. I agree that it is nice to have a minimum standard, but if a State has a tougher law already enacted, leave it alone.

Sincerely,

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